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"SINCE THE END OF LAST YEAR THE U.S. HAS AN
AMBASSADOR IN BAHRAIN WHO BELONGS TO A SPECIAL CLASS.

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DR. SAM ZAKEHM HAS ONLY BEEN A U.S. CITIZEN FOR 16 YEARS, HE IS A BORN LEBANESE FROM TRIPOLI. ZAKHEM, WHO TOOK THE SIDE ENTRANCE TO AMERICAN SOCIETY AND ITS DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES, CONSIDERS REAGAN TO BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT U.S. PRESIDENTS EVER. ZAKHEM, A TRUE BLUE AMERICAN, GIVES THE U.S. NOTICEABLE POLITICAL PRESENCE IN BAHRAIN WHICH, AS SOME SAY, CORRESPONDS TO THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE THERE...."

F. NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS

CONSERVATIVE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (EDITORIAL BY GUENTHER NONNENMACHER): "THE AGREEMENT ON THE ZERO-ZERO SOLUTION SHOULD NOT OBSCURE THE FACT THAT THE DIFFERENCES IN OPINION ABOUT THE FUTURE COURSE OF THE DISARMAMENT TALKS HAVE BECOME MORE PRONOUNCED...."

"THE ALLIANCE STILL DOES NOT AGREE ON THE FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE TALKS ON CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT. IT IS HARDLY LIKELY THAT THESE DIFFERENCES WILL BE OVERCOME IN REYKJAVIK. AND IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO FORESEE THAT GORBACHEV'S NEXT DISARMAMENT INITIATIVE WILL EXPLOIT THIS GAP. THE WEST SHOULD PREPARE ITSELF FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF ITS CONFUSION."

G. IRAN-CONTRA HEARINGS

LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (EDITORIAL BY JOCHEN SIEMENS): "THERE ARE ALREADY SIGNS THAT THE CONGRESS WILL TRY TO STRENGTHEN THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS OVER THIS AND FUTURE ADMINISTRATIONS. THIS IS EVIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF, WHERE THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION IS AGAIN PREPARING TO CONFUSE MILITARY STRENGTH WITH POLITICS."

"THE TRUST BETWEEN THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION AND THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN IRREPARABLY DAMAGED...."

H. WEIZSAECKER AT HARVARD (CONT'D)

A. LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (EDITORIAL): "IT IS UNNECESSARY TO PROTECT PRESIDENT RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER FROM THESE ABSTRUSE COMPARISONS HE IS FACING IN THE U.S. THE SLIP OF THE BOSTON GLOBE, HOWEVER, IS INTERESTING, BECAUSE IT SHOWS AN OBVIOUSLY WIDELY HELD IMAGE OF GERMANY IN THE U.S. IT IS BASED ON DIM RECOLLECTIONS AND THE WISH FOR SENSATIONS BUT NOT ON PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE. EVERYTHING WHICH DEALS WITH SWASTIKAS WILL FIND SPECIAL ATTENTION...."

"THAT IS WHY IT IS POSSIBLE TO COMPARE RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER...WITH **KURT WALDHEIM** WHO LIED ABOUT HIS PAST. THIS IS AN EVENT WHICH PAINFULLY REMINDS US OF THE FACT THAT THE WALDHEIMS IN THE FRG ARE STILL A SILENT MAJORITY AND THE VON WEIZSAECKERS A THOUGHTFUL MINORITY."

B. PRO-CDU RHEINISCHE POST OF DUESSELDORF (EDITORIAL

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BY GUENTHER DE THIER): "PRESIDENT RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER'S VISIT ONCE AGAIN PROVED THAT WE HAVE NOT YET COME TO TERMS WITH THE PAST.... ZEALOUS FANATICS HAVE INJECTED A BITTER NOTE INTO THE CELEBRATIONS AT HARVARD.... WEIZSAECKER AND WALDHEIM HAVE BEEN LUMPED TOGETHER AND RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER IS ACCUSED OF LACKING OPENNESS AND TRUTH.... THIS INCIDENT ONCE AGAIN PROVES THAT THE DARK SHADOWS OF THE PAST HAVE NOT YET BEEN CLEARED. THEY HAVE BEEN CONJURED UP ANEW, IN PARTICULAR ABROAD. THE COMING GENERATIONS IN THE FRG HAVE TO LIVE WITH THIS FACT....

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